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Location: Flintridge Road on hill, overlooking plant of TCI-U.S. Steel-U.S.X.'s Fairfield works in Fairfield, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Date of Construction: 1951

Architects: Holabird, Root and Burgee, & Jack B. Smith

Contractors: Daniel Construction Company

Description: This five-story tan brick international style building makes extensive use of stainless steel for both structural and decorative purposes.

Project Information: This report is based upon written documentation donated by the Birmingham Historical Society reformatted to HABS/HAER guidelines.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

In 1951 TCI moved its main headquarters from the Brown-Marx Building, in Birmingham's City Center, to this hilltop site on Flint Ridge overlooking the Fairfield Works. The Chicago architectural firm of Holabird, Root and Burgee designed the \$6 million facility for 1,300 employees.

John W. Galbreath and Company, a Columbus, Ohio real estate and land management firm, financed construction of the office complex through the Flint Ridge Development Company, which leased the structure to U.S. Steel.

Source
Consulted: White, Marjorie, The Birmingham District, pp. 97, 125